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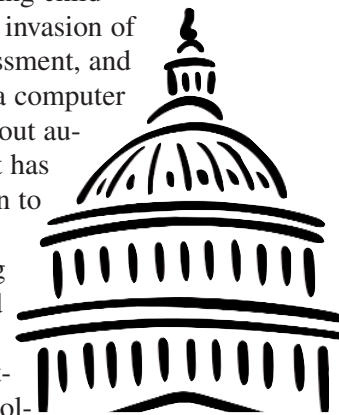
Missouri General Assembly considers filtering and computer crime bills

Several bills concerned with filtering software for library computers, restricted access to library materials, and various types of computer crimes, including child pornography and invasion of privacy, have been introduced into the Second Regular Session of the 90th General Assembly. Four bills specifically mention libraries, while the other bills include language describing objectionable Internet content, public display and electronic transfer of Internet content, and offer changes in the law to deal with computer crimes.

Fighting child pornography is a high-priority issue with Governor Carnahan, who asked legislators during his State of the State address to "put one of the most stringent laws in the nation on the books to stem the flow of child pornography on the Internet." To address the issue are the following bills:

- **Senate Bill 583**—amends Chapter 182, RSMo to add two sections on public libraries, with penalty provisions. Stipulates that public school libraries shall equip public access computers with filtering software that prevents access to "material that is harmful to minors" or purchase Internet connectivity from a service provider that "provides filter services to limit access to material that is harmful to minors." For public libraries, there are two choices: equip a public access computer with filtering software or use an Internet service provider that "provides filter services..." or develop and implement by January 1, 2001, a policy that establishes measures to restrict minors from gaining computer access to material that is harmful to minors. This will was voted out of committee with a "Do Pass."
- **Senate Bill 758**—relates to computer

crime, including child pornography, invasion of privacy, harassment, and alteration of a computer network without authorization. It has been rewritten to remove a library filtering provision and now requires instead a written Internet policy.



- **House Bills 1215 & 1240**—concerns computer crime, with provisions for school, public, and academic libraries. They require that any school district, or any technical or vocational school that provides computers accessible to its students or the public, shall ensure that filtering software is installed on those computers or that Internet service is purchased from a provider that offers filter services. They also makes the same requirements for any library that receives state funds and provides public access to computers.
- **House Bill 1657**—amends Chapter 182, RSMo by adding a section about Internet access in public libraries. It requires any library receiving public funds to adopt a written policy identifying Internet sites or types of sites that may not be accessed by patrons who are using library software to access the Internet, to install and maintain filtering software on computers, and to ensure that adult library patrons are, upon request, provided access to filtered Internet sites in a location "where the information cannot be readily accessed by, displayed or reproduced to a minor."

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State Library awards automation grants

Four Missouri libraries will receive funds totaling \$191,212 in the 10th round of the public library automation grant program. Grant funding comes from a state appropriation for library automation approved by the Missouri General Assembly and Governor Carnahan.

An independent panel of librarians from throughout the state with expertise in library automation technology and who were not connected with any of the grants under consideration reviewed the proposals. Libraries receiving grants include:

- **Camden County Library**—for a new library automation system: \$68,560
- **Jefferson City/Cole County Library**—for an upgrade to a library automation system: \$9,455
- **Little Dixie Regional Libraries**—for an upgrade to a library automation system: \$98,888
- **Scotland County Library**—for a new library automation system: \$14,309

Camden County Library will add its records to the online catalog of the Springfield-Greene County Library's COOLCat consortium, a system serving five southwestern counties and two major metropolitan areas. Jefferson City/Cole County Library's upgrade will add Web access to their catalog. Little Dixie Regional Libraries are migrating from an outmoded platform to a state-of-the-art system. Scotland County Library's grant brings automated library services to an underserved rural northeast Missouri area.

President's budget shows increase for library programs

President Clinton has released his FY2001 budget request to Congress, which shows a strong endorsement for the work of libraries and museums across the country. The total funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services is \$206,378,000. The request

for the Office of Library Services is \$173,000,000, an increase of \$18,500,000 over current funding for core programs and competitive National Leadership Grants. The request for the Office of Museum Services is \$33,378,000, an increase of \$9,085,720 over funding for core programs.

The budget request focuses on two major themes. Each of these themes will be addressed through museum programs, library programs, and collaborations between museums and libraries:

- Increasing technological access to museum and library resources for all Americans; and
- Building community partnerships to address serious and persistent community needs.

Governor's 2001 budget and libraries

Governor Carnahan's FY2001 budget request includes \$9,041,998 for Missouri Library Programs, up from \$8,191,900 in FY2000.

State Aid for Public Libraries: The Governor's budget request includes \$438,530 to increase state aid by providing equalization funds for the poorest counties. Seventeen additional libraries will be added to the equalization program, and libraries already qualifying for equalization will receive additional funding. Currently, state aid amounts to 50 cents per capita.

MOREnet: Funding in the amount of \$12,138,000 is included in the Governor's budget request. MOREnet operates a shared network infrastructure for elementary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, public libraries, and community information networks. The network infrastructure includes connections to the Internet and a statewide backbone with hubs to each site. The network's funding request is included in the Department of Higher Education's budget.

R.E.A.L. Project: The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries Project furnishes Missouri schools and libraries with Internet connections, training, technical assistance, con-

nection equipment, and maintains statewide licenses for online electronic resources. Without this project, only the largest and wealthiest libraries would have access to electronic resources. Proposed FY2001 funding includes \$375,000 for statewide electronic licenses to business and labor resources.

MOBIUS and the Common Library Platform: The Governor's budget recommends that funding for this program be continued at the current level (\$3,401,845). Fifty colleges and universities form the Missouri Bibliographic and Information User System (MOBIUS), a consortium that oversees administration of the system. Students and faculty have access to approximately seven million volumes from the libraries of participating institutions.

State Library issues call for LSTA grants

The State Library has announced a call for grant applications in the following categories:

Basic Equipment grants and Adaptive Equipment grants—These grants help libraries purchase equipment and software to meet national standards.

Application deadline: March 15 (postmark) or March 17 (hand-delivered to State Library by 5 p.m.)

Grant period: March 31 (approximate date) to September 30, 2000. These grants are available only to public libraries.

Library Cooperation grants—These grants support projects developed by libraries and partnering agencies. All types of libraries are eligible to apply for cooperation grants.

Application deadline: April 19 (postmark) or April 21 (hand-delivered to State Library by 5 p.m.)

Grant period: June 1 (approximate date) to December 31, 2000 (six months) OR to May 31, 2001 (11 months) OR to December 31, 2001 (18 months). Libraries may choose the length of their grant period.

Show Me Steps to Career Development grants—All types of librarians and public li-

brary trustees may apply for continuing education and training funds under this grant program.

Application deadline: Six weeks prior to desired program

Libraries Helping Libraries—This program is intended for all types of libraries that require assistance for special projects.

Application deadline: Any time during a fiscal year.

The State Library will make the grant call to Missouri libraries in mid-February. Information will also be available on the State Library's website at <http://www.sos.mo.gov>.

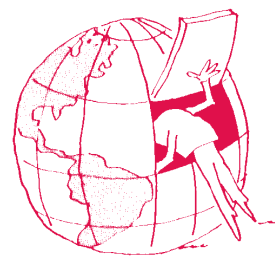
***Reviewers needed:** If you are interested in serving on the Library Cooperation Grant Review Committee in April, contact Nancy Howland, the State Library's LSTA consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 9. This is a volunteer service; there is no meeting to attend, and grants may be read at home.*

\$4.72 billion requested for E-rate in Year Three

The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company reported to the Federal Communications Commission that \$4.72 billion in requested funding has been estimated for schools and libraries seeking E-rate discounts for Year Three. The estimated demand represents more than the previous two years combined.

Of the 36,000 applications filed within the application filing window, which closed January 19, 2000, more than 28,000, or nearly 80 percent, were submitted electronically using USAC's SLD website. Nearly 60 percent of the requests are associated with the neediest schools and libraries: those qualifying for program discounts of 80 to 90 percent. These schools and libraries represent populations where 50 percent or more of students are eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Demand in Year Three was calculated from a review of the 36,000 applications.

Forty-six Missouri libraries have applied for Year Three E-rate funding.



Web Watch

PubList

www.publist.com

This site uses sources such as Bowker's *Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory* to provide bibliographic data for more than 150,000 domestic and international print and electronic publications including magazines, journals, e-journals, newsletters, monographs, and hyperlinks to some publishers. Users have easy access to information such as titles, formats, publisher addresses, editor contacts, circulation data, and ISSN numbers.

Foundation Center

<http://fdncenter.org/onlib/lmps/index.html>

The U.S. Foundation Center has put together a large database of literature on philanthropy, which incorporates the contents of the center's five libraries, and contains more than 17,000 descriptive abstracts. The site also has a useful list, with full contact information, of dozens of periodicals in the nonprofit and philanthropy sectors.

WebExhibits

<http://www.webexhibits.com>

Check this site to find high-quality online exhibits. Topics include: ancient world, creative arts, discovery & expedition, society & culture, health & medicine, environment, science & technology.

Missouri library jobline

The Missouri Library Association offers a telephone jobline for listings of available library positions. To advertise a position, call the association at 573-449-4727, or send an e-mail to jmc-cartn@mail.more.net. A two-week listing costs \$25. There is no charge for jobline listings for MLA institutional members or for libraries that provide MLA memberships for their trustees.



Quick guide to Net resources

The Librarian's Quick Guide to Internet Resources by Jenny Lynne Semenza features an annotated listing of more than 500 websites, organized into 76 subject categories. It includes straightforward directions on search strategies and subscribing to newsgroups and discussion lists. The sites and resources in this book were selected based on their practical value to school and public librarians. Also included are indexes that provide quick access to the resources by title, authority, and subject.

The book may be ordered for \$19.00 from Highsmith Press at 800-558-2110.

Wolfner Library offers Newsline for the blind and visually impaired

With a new service called Newsline, blind and visually impaired people can enjoy the same access to state and national news and world events as their sighted peers. Now operational in Missouri, Newsline brings local and national newspapers to residents who are unable to use standard print.

Newsline uses the latest digital technology to provide readers an easy-to-use telephone service that "reads" all the text from *USA Today*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Kansas City Star*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and *Springfield News-Leader*—on the day these newspapers are issued. Users need only a touch-tone phone to access Newsline.

Developed by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), Newsline combines telephone, voice synthesization, and digital technologies to distribute the full text of the daily newspaper via modem to blind and visually impaired people. NFB has established Newsline service centers in more than 70 cities across the U.S. and Canada. In Missouri, service centers are located at St. Louis County Library, Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, and Springfield-Greene County Library.

Users receive a personal identification number and security code that is valid anywhere in the Newsline Network. Newsline does not cost users who live in one of the three local service areas; those living outside local service areas pay only their standard long-distance telephone charge to the nearest service center. For \$15.00 per month, individuals can request a designated phone number from Southwestern Bell for unlimited calling to a service center.

The Missouri General Assembly provided funds to the Secretary of State's Office to establish the three service centers, and Governor Carnahan approved the FY2000 state budget which included Newsline in the Secretary of State's budget for the Wolfner Library.

To find out more about this service, or to

register, call the Wolfner Library at 800-392-2614.

State Library issues standards plan

The State Library has mailed a copy of *Missouri Public Library Standards: An Implementation Plan* to all public library directors and presidents of public library boards of trustees. The publication offers guidelines for planning, development, and assessment of all phases of public library operation.

Missouri Public Library Standards is the result of several years of meetings sponsored by the Missouri Library Association's Public Library Council and its Standards Committee. These groups received input from library administrators and staff, trustees, and community residents.

Secretary of State Bekki Cook approved the standards as a policy of best practice for public libraries and referred to the standards as a "tool toward excellence."

Spring literacy gatherings scheduled for March-April

The State Library will hold five literacy gatherings in March and April. Literacy consultant Karen Jones plans these meetings to find out about current library literacy activities and to share new information from organizations and agencies that might affect or influence library literacy efforts.

Gatherings are scheduled for March 14 at Gentry County Library, Stanberry; March 16 at Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia; March 23 at Hannibal Public Library; April 5 at Jefferson County Library, Northwest Branch, High Ridge; and April 11 at The Library Center, Springfield-Greene County Library.

The gatherings are open to librarians, library board members, and local literacy providers. For additional information or a summary of previous gatherings, contact Jones at 800-325-0131, ext. 11 or jonesk@sosmail.state.mo.us

Thank You Day debuts during National Library Week 2000

"Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library" is the theme for National Library Week 2000, April 9-15. During National Library Week, ALA is inviting libraries to participate in Thank You Day on April 11. This is a new nationwide event to highlight and celebrate library programs and "success stories" made possible through the support of elected officials and federal and state dollars.

Although thanking elected officials is something that many libraries are already doing, ALA is asking your library to band together with thousands of libraries across the country to generate media attention on a national scale.

ALA suggests that libraries invite elected officials, the community, the media, and library supporters and users to meet people who have benefited from your library's programs. Get your board of trustees, friends group, and public supporters involved as early as possible. School library media centers can involve the Parent Teacher's Association and school administrators.

Thank You Day will:

- Demonstrate to elected officials the widespread community support for library programs, reinforce the importance of these programs to the community with the public, and encourage more libraries to apply for more resources from local, state, and federal elected officials.
- Educate elected officials on the importance of school library media centers and libraries while providing media exposure and contact with the public.
- Illustrate the use of technology in libraries and demonstrate that the E-rate program has had a positive impact on library users in underserved areas.

There are many reasons to say "thank you" to state or federal representatives and senators for advances in your library that resulted from the impetus of government funds. Remember that the original federal legislation specifically for libraries was established in 1956—that's more than four

decades of federal funds for library service in every state!

For a tool kit with a timeline, planning guide, tips on creating a press kit, and other Thank You Day resources, check the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/thank-you.html>.

Workshop to focus on library security/crime prevention

The Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network with the support of the Ewing M. Kauffman Fund for Greater Kansas City, will sponsor the nationally acclaimed Campus Crime Prevention Programs conference titled "Crime Prevention, Safety and Security for Libraries" on May 4-5, 2000, in Kansas City.

The conference is designed for all types of library administrators and their staffs. It will also be beneficial to both local and campus law enforcement and security officers concerned about the problems of library safety and security.

The topics focus on practical safety and security problems and issues experienced in all types of libraries. Among the topics to be discussed: security self assessment, protection of special collections, security training for library staff, electronic and physical security systems, library behavior policies, unsupervised children, preventing library workplace violence, protection of library restrooms, employment background checks for library employees, and strategies for dealing with theft of personal property.

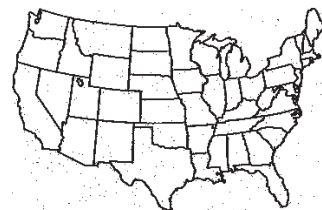
Daniel P. Keller, retired director of public safety at the University of Louisville and co-author of *The Complete Library Safety and Security Manual*, will serve as the conference leader.

Registration for the workshop is \$165 for KCMLIN members and \$265 for all others. The fee includes handout materials, a free copy of Keller's book, and continental breakfast and lunch on both days of the conference. For more information, contact KCMLIN at 816-521-7257; fax: 816-461-0966, or e-mail: sburton@kcmlin.org.

Profile of America's libraries

With all the alternatives to books, some may think libraries are becoming a thing of the past. Actually, the number of libraries in the country continues to grow. Currently, there are more than 33,000 libraries around the country, about half of them open to the public. About six out of 10 households in the U.S. use their local public library at least once a year. About a third of these visit libraries to use computers linked to the Internet or to attend a lecture or storyhour.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau





newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

Rare books gift to SMSU-West Plains Library

Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains is the recipient of a rare book collection donated to the Garnett Library by Dr. Stanton Morrison. The collection includes 45 books published in the 1700 and 1800s, many written by authors who were eyewitnesses to events such as the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Boer War in Africa, and westward expansion across the North American continent.

"I like books, and I wanted to do something different than buy ordinary books," Morrison explained. "I started the collection with the idea of donating the books to the library." He developed his collection from purchases he made through a rare book catalog which he receives every three to six months.

Some of the treasures in the collection are a five-volume, first edition account of *The Life of George Washington*, written by John Marshall and published during 1804-1807; *Sketches of Naval Life*, a civilian's account of seamen's lives while traveling with them

on the Brandywine and Constitution frigate during trips to the Mediterranean, published in 1829; and *A Retrospect of the Boston Tea Party with a Memoir of George R.T. Hewes, a Survivor of the Little Band of Patriots Who Drowned the Tea in Boston Harbor in 1733* by a Citizen of New York, published in 1834. Also in the collection is a book written in 1855, which gives reports of explorations and surveys developed as a result of Congressional acts to determine the most economical railroad route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean and a book written in 1866 by a military man who spent 30 years serving in the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountain region. The oldest book in the collection, *Memoirs of What Past (sic) in Christendom, from the War Begun 1672 to the Peace Concluded 1679*, was printed in 1700.

Evelyn Vetter, director of the Garnett Library, described the books in Morrison's collection as "great resources for history buffs and genealogists interested in trying to locate family members who may have participated in the American Revolution or been alive in Colonial America." "They also offer students and historians an opportunity to examine original manuscripts for historical facts about the founding of our country."

Gates grants to St. Louis libraries

The St. Louis Public Library and St. Louis County Library have received Accelerated Grant Program awards from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to promoting technology in libraries to reach those caught in the "digital divide" by offering unmediated public access to PCs and the Internet.

St. Louis County Library was the recipient of two grants, one for \$21,000 and one for \$35,650. The first grant will enable the library to expand public access to computers and the Internet by adding four PCs with software to the Lewis & Clark and Natural Bridge branches. The second grant will provide for a regional training lab at the Lewis & Clark Branch. The lab will be a resource



Evelyn Vetter, director of the Garnett Library, and Dr. Stanton Morrison, look at a map showing the colonial region from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi River. The map was included in one of the rare books Morrison donated to the library. (SMSU-WP photo)

for librarian and patron training in computer management and applications and for additional patron access to computers and the Internet.

St. Louis Public Library received \$108,750 to purchase computer equipment for its branch libraries. The library will install PCs and printers at the Central Library and in the Barr, Cabanne, Carpenter, and Lashly branches. With this second grant from the Gates Foundation, the library purchased 41 computers and nine printers.

New branch facility for Ste. Genevieve

The Ste. Genevieve Branch of Ozark Regional Library has moved from an overcrowded downtown building to new quarters in the town's community center. Librarian John Jones says the new site accommodates the library's 28,000-volume collection with plenty of room for expansion. The 7,000-square-foot facility offers almost twice the space of the previous location, and the community center has rooms for meetings and local group events. Residents also will have access to the Internet at the library, with 10 computers dedicated for public use.

Trails Regional Library sponsors biography contest

In January, Lexington residents participated in a trivia contest developed by Trails Regional Library staff. Branch director Fran Rushing and a staff member, Joyce Westerman, designed a window display that also doubled as a biography contest. They created 25 three-dimensional objects, or "clues," that represented famous Missourians as well as other famous people and arranged the objects in the library's 25-foot front window. They added some printed clues, then issued a challenge to townspeople to decipher the clues. Although the contest was aimed at adults, the display became a popular downtown attraction for all ages.

Rushing said people were standing outside in the cold writing down their answers on library-supplied clipboards. Book circulation

increased during the month, which Rushing attributes to the contest and display.

Rushing solicited prizes from local merchants, who told her the display was the talk of the town. The library awarded nine prizes; three people tied for first place.

McDonald County Library's offers after-school program

From January through March, McDonald County Library is offering a substitute for after-school cartoons. The library's S*M*A*R*T program, an afternoon story and activity time for children in grades one to four, encourages reading through a fun and educational library experience. First and second graders meet for an hour on Tuesdays, and third and fourth graders meet for an hour on Thursdays. Sessions begin and end with a storytime and include games, activities, crafts, and prizes.

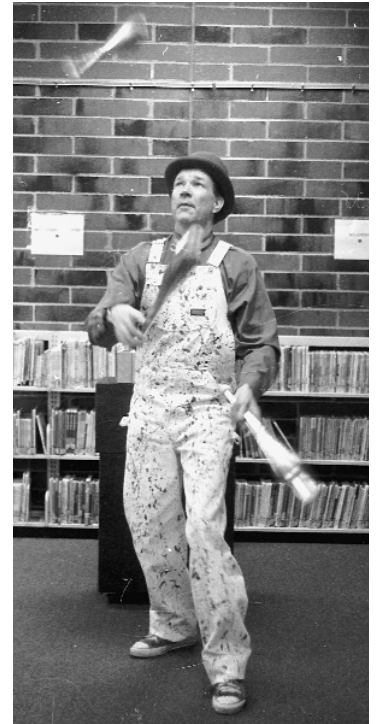
Wilder trial date set

March 20, 2000 is the date set for a trial in a suit brought by the Wright County Library Board against HarperCollins Publishing and the current owner of Laura Ingalls Wilder's copyrights. At issue in the federal lawsuit, filed in 1999, is the library's claim to royalties from Wilder's estate.

Wilder and her husband, Almanzo, lived on a farm near Mansfield, the town in which the library is located. The author was a user of the library, and she was active in library affairs. Her will granted the library all proceeds from her literary estate after the death of her daughter, Rose Wilder Lane.

The library has received but one royalty payment (\$28,011) from an estate estimated to be in the millions. The beneficiary of Lane's estate, Roger MacBride, assumed the copyrights to all of Wilder's books, and after his death, the copyrights went to his daughter, Abigail MacBride Allen, who is named as a defendant in the library's suit along with HarperCollins.

Lawyers for the publisher deny the library's claim and have asked that the suit be dismissed.



Terry Davolt, an entertainer who specializes in juggling and balancing, used humor and skill during a program for the Excelsior Branch of Mid-Continent Public Library. (*Excelsior Springs Daily Standard* photo by Eric Copeland)

Helping children learn to read

The U.S. Department of Education has just released *Helping Your Child Learn to Read*. Free copies of this publication are available by writing to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 504F, Pueblo, CO 81009, or by calling toll free, 888-878-3256. You can preview the full text at <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Reading/index.html>.



Free literacy posters

America Reads has free Read*Write*Now! Activity posters for children in kindergarten through grade six. These large, vivid posters, first released in the summer of 1999, have fun literacy activities on the back. They make great take-home gifts for library programs and also make excellent tools for tutors or mentors working with young readers. In one activity, students write book reviews for publication on the America Reads website.

The posters are available in English and Spanish. To order, call toll free 877-4ED-PUBS. To review the activities on the Web, go to www.ed.gov/america-reads/kids_rwn.html.

Celebrate Young People's Poetry Week

This year's Young People's Poetry Week is April 10-16. Young People's Poetry Week was established in 1999 as part of National Poetry Month, observed each April. This new celebration, sponsored by The Children's Book Council, highlights poetry for children and young adults and encourages everyone to celebrate poetry—read it, enjoy it, write it—in their homes, childcare centers, classrooms, libraries, and bookstores. The CBC is collaborating on its promotional efforts with The Academy of American Poets, coordinator of National Poetry Month, and The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Visit the CBC website (www.cbcbooks.org) for more information on Young People's Poetry Week, including poetry links, a free bibliography of 1999 poetry books published by CBC members, and poetry features in the CBC Online Forum and in its semiannual newsletter, *CBC Features* (free samples at features@cbcbooks.org).

The CBC also has great new poetry materials, available through its print catalog as well as online. Products for 2000 are a poster, bookmarks, postcards, and a poetry audiobook, available individually or as a kit. Additional poetry items include Book Poems, the collected poetry celebrating books from National Children's Book Week for the last four decades, and the Future Poets Activity Set.

Missouri Writes for Kids launches website

Missouri Writes for Kids, a project of the Drury University Department of Education, has launched a new website featuring children's author home pages, contests, event announcements, and links to other children's literature websites. The site's address is: www.redrival.com/mowrites4kids.

Dedicated to promoting literacy and creativity by introducing young readers to "real, live" authors currently working in Missouri, the project is also supported by

the Springfield-Greene County Library and Ozarks Public Television.

Sandy Asher, Drury writer-in-residence, co-founded Missouri Writes for Kids with fellow Springfield author David Harrison. Like the 30-second TV spots regularly seen on Ozarks Public Television, the Missouri Writes for Kids website offers contests encouraging children to write in about books they've read by their favorite Missouri authors. Letters written by individual children and used on the TV spots win a free autographed book. Teachers and librarians who send in classroom packets of letters may win six autographed books for their library. Each letter should include the writer's name, address, phone number, school and grade, and can be sent to Missouri Writes for Kids, c/o Drury University, 900 N. Benton Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

1999's most challenged books

The best-selling Harry Potter series of children's books by J.K. Rowling tops the list of books most challenged in 1999, according to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. The Potter series drew complaints from parents and others concerned about the books' focus on wizardry and magic.

The "Ten Most Challenged Books of 1999" reflect a wide variety of themes. The books, in order of most frequently challenged, are:

- Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, for its focus on wizardry and magic
- Alice series, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier (the "most challenged" fiction book of 1998), for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *Blubber*, by Judy Blume, for offensive language and being unsuited to age group
- *Fallen Angels*, by Walter Dean Myers, for offensive language and unsuited to age group
- *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, for

offensive language and unsuited to age group

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou, for being too explicit in the book's portrayal of rape and other sexual abuse
- *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood, for sexual content
- *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker, for sexual content and offensive language
- *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson, for sexual content and offensive language

Off the list this year, but on the list for several years past are the "Goosebumps" and "Fear Street" series by R.L. Stine, which were challenged for being too frightening for young people and depicting occult or "Satanic" themes, and *It's Perfectly Normal*, a sex education book by Robie Harris, for being too explicit, especially for children.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom received a total of 472 reports of challenged titles last year. A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school about a book's content or appropriateness.

The majority of challenges are reported by public libraries, schools, and school libraries. According to Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the number of challenges reflects only incidents reported. She says that for each challenge reported, as many as four or five remain unreported.



Building Cultural Communities

With major support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the American Library Association's Public Programs Office is launching a two-year project to support up to 50 programs at U.S. libraries.

A series of "kick-off" events will take place during National Library Week in April, and ALA is developing materials to help libraries, arts agencies, artists, and presenters work together on this celebration of

arts and culture at libraries in communities throughout the country. The overall project goal is 300 to 500 arts and cultural programs at libraries in 2000-2001—up to 10 events in each of the 50 states.

More information about this project will be published in upcoming issues of *newsline*.

Mark Twain Award Master List 2000-2001

Antle, Nancy. *Lost in the War*
Blackwood, Gary. *The Shakespeare Stealer*
Calvert, Patricia. *Sooner*
Carbone, Elisa. *Stealing Freedom*
DeFelice, Cynthia. *The Ghost of Fossil Glen*
Fleischman, Sid. *Bandit's Moon*
Grove, Vicki. *Reaching Dustin*
Hill, Pamela Smith. *A Voice from the Border*
Hobbs, Will. *The Maze*
Hurwitz, Johanna. *Faraway Summer*
Karr, Kathleen. *The Great Turkey Walk*
Nelson, Theresa. *The Empress of Elsewhere*
Peck, Richard. *A Long Way from Chicago*
Sachar, Louis. *Holes*
Skolsky, Mindy Warshaw. *Love from Your Friend, Hannah*
Smith, Roland. *Sasquatch*
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. *Gib Rides Home*
Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth. *A Traitor Among Us*
Williams, Carol Lynch. *If I Forget, You Remember*
Woodruff, Elvira. *Dear Austin*



Update for popular intellectual freedom guide

The Association for Library Service to Children has updated *Intellectual Freedom for Children: The Censor Is Coming*.

The publication contains policies, resolutions, background readings, and resource lists that help librarians prepare for and respond to challenges to materials. It also contains valuable information on the impact of the Internet on intellectual freedom and a discussion on library use of filtering software.

To order the publication, call 800-545-2433, press 7. The price is \$25.20 for American Library Association members; \$28.00 for non-members.

International Poetry Contest

River Styx, a literary magazine published in St. Louis, announces its International Poetry Contest for unpublished work. Submissions may include up to three poems, but not more than 14 pages. Entrants will be notified only with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The \$20 reading fee includes a one-year subscription (three issues) to *River Styx*. The judge is Naomi Shihab Nye, and first prize is \$1,000. The winner, as well as second and third prize winners, will be published in the August 2000 issue.

Send poems by May 31 to River Styx Poetry Contest, 634 North Grand, 12th Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103. Include name and address on the cover letter only.

New leadership appointments for State Librarian

Missouri State Librarian Sara Parker has been invited to become a member of the Online Computer Library Center's Strategic Directions and Governance Advisory Council. This prestigious appointment reflects Parker's experience in library administration, network governance, and her leadership as state librarian of Montana, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. The advisory council will help OCLC determine strategies for positioning itself in the global information environment and recommend an appropriate governance structure to enable OCLC to meet its public purposes. The council's goal is to complete its work within one year.

OCLC's organizational structure dates back to the 1970s, when 1,000 libraries in 45 states were using OCLC cataloging services. OCLC now serves more than 35,000 libraries in 72 countries with a variety of cooperative services, while the governance structure is still tied only to cataloging and interlibrary loan activity.

Parker also has been invited to make a presentation at the upcoming staff retreat of the Gates Library Initiative in Seattle. She will discuss how Missouri will use grant funds from the Gates Library Initiative to expand access to information technologies in public libraries throughout Missouri.

Personal Notes

Ann Quinn Vance has joined the State Library staff as a reference librarian in the Government Services Division. She comes to the State Library from Minneapolis, where she worked in a number of special libraries, including the libraries at 3M, Hammel Green and Abrahamson Inc., and the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology. She also spent several years as a media coordinator for Fallon McElligott, a well-known advertising agency.

She received an M.L.S. from the College of St. Catherine/Dominican University (MN) and a B.A. in liberal studies at the College of St. Benedict (MN).

Deborah Stroup has been named coordinator of volunteers at Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a division of the State Library. In this newly created position, Stroup will work on four specific projects: recording Missouri books on tape for the Wolfner collection, establishing an in-home instruction program to teach Wolfner patrons to use the library's equipment, strengthening Wolfner's outreach program, and organizing an in-house volunteer program.

Stroup spent 10 years with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Kansas City, working as a reference assistant, technical services coordinator, and research librarian. She earned her college degree in human relations from Ottawa University (KS).

Central Missouri State University's James C. Kirkpatrick Library has announced the appointment of three new faculty members: **Rob Hallis**, assistant professor and instructional services librarian; **Linda Lillard**, assistant professor and instructional services librarian; and **Naomi Williamson**, assistant professor and special collections librarian.

Hallis will become head of the library's Harmon Computer Commons. He will plan and implement new services that will provide a closer link between the computer lab

and the rest of the library. He has a B.A. in humanities, a B.M. in music theory, an M.B.E. in music education, an M.M. in musicology, and an M.L.S. from the University of Texas at Austin, where he is completing a doctorate in musicology.

Lillard will coordinate library services for the university's extended campus students. She received a B.A. in business education from Pennsylvania State University, an M.A. in curriculum and instruction from San Diego State University, and an M.L.S. from Emporia State University (KS). She is working on a doctorate in library and information management at Emporia State University.

Williamson will direct CMSU's annual children's literature festival, now in its 31st year and one of the largest events of its kind in the country. She holds an educational specialist degree from CMSU.

Terri Parrish has been named director of the Polk County Library, Bolivar. In her most recent position, she served as librarian for the Kansas City law firm of Stinson, Mag and Fizzell. She also served as director of the Marshall Public Library for three years. She earned a B.A. in business administration from Westminster College, an M.B.A. from the University of Tulsa, and an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri.

Kitty Beckett is the new director of the Lewis Library of Glasgow. She has been a library staff member for several years. She also has worked as a children's librarian for Sedalia Public Library. A graduate of the University of Missouri, she holds B.S. degrees in elementary education and secondary education and a master's degree in adult education.

John Spears has been named manager of the Mid-County Branch of St. Louis County Library. A library staff member since 1998, Spears has served as a reference librarian at Headquarters and as a branch supervisor. He also has taught business reference and Internet classes for library staff.

Spears earned a B.A. in music history and an M.L.S. from the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

Karen Darling has been appointed head of acquisitions at the University of Missouri Libraries. She comes to MU from the University of Oregon Library where she attained the rank of full professor and held a variety of positions since 1982, including catalog/projects librarian, serials cataloger, serials cataloging supervisor, assistant head of the catalog department, and head of the serials department.

Darling holds a B.A. in German from St. Olaf College (MN) and a library degree from the University of London.

Tahlula Spivey is the new supervisor of the Fair Grove Branch of Springfield-Greene County Library. She was a reference assistant at the library's Kearney Branch before her appointment. She also has worked as a librarian at Fordland Elementary School. Her undergraduate degree in elementary education is from Oklahoma State University.

Deanna Fish retired as director of the Polk County Library on December 31, 1999. She administered the library for 11 years, first as director of the Southwest Regional Library which included Polk, Dade, Cedar, and History counties. When the regional system was dissolved, she continued as director of the Polk County Library.

Fish was instrumental in planning for the new Polk County Library building, which is under construction.

Awards

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has presented its prestigious Distinguished Service Award for 1999 to **Larry J. Hackman**, director of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. The award was presented to Hackman late last year at the commission's meeting in Washington by John Carlin, Archivist of the United States.

Each year, the commission presents the award to one individual in the nation whose career has demonstrated exemplary accomplishment and extraordinary commitment in fields touched by the commission's work.

Carlin cited Hackman for "extraordinary

dedication and exceptional leadership as the first director of the NHPRC Records Program, bringing it vision, innovation and strength; devising procedures and policies that have proven to be effective and durable; mobilizing support from constituent organizations around the country; and for continued outstanding service as archivist, records administrator, and tireless advocate for the preservation and availability of historical records at the state and national levels."

Marie E. Keller, who helped establish the Scenic Regional Library and later served on the board of the St. Charles City-County Library, was honored with the 1999 Community Service Award sponsored by Commerce Bank and the William T. Kemper Foundation. The award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to community betterment and enhanced the lives of others.

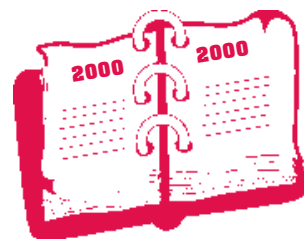
Paula Brehm-Heeger, librarian at the Trails West Branch of the Kansas City Public Library, is the 2000 recipient of the ALSC/Econo-Clad Literature Program Award, presented by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. She will receive \$1,000 to attend the ALA annual conference, to be held this summer in Chicago.

Brehm-Heeger was selected for development of the Fish Out of Water Writing Club, a writing program for children in grades 4 through 8. Club members meet twice a month during the school year to write and learn about writing.

Kansas City Chiefs defensive lineman Pelom McDaniels has taken an active role in getting the club started and now attends two meetings per year. The club is co-sponsored by McDaniels' Art for Smarts Foundation and the Kansas City Public Library.

The annual award, donated by American Econo-Clad Services, a division of The American Companies, Inc., is given to an individual "who has developed and implemented a unique and outstanding library program for children involving reading and the use of literature."

Upcoming Events



March 3-5
Library Leadership Academy
Excelsior Springs

March 23
Secretary's Council on Library Development Meeting
Jefferson City

March 27-28
Coalition for Networked Information Conference
Washington, DC

March 28-April 1
Public Library Association Conference
Charlotte, NC

April is National Poetry Month

April 2
International Children's Book Day

April 9-11
Missouri Association of School Librarians Spring Conference
Osage Beach

April 9-15
National Library Week

April 10-16
Young People's Poetry Week

April 11
Thank You Day

April 13
International Special Librarians Day

Census FAQs

- People who are interested in applying for jobs can call 888-325-7733 (toll free) to find out when and where to report for testing in their local area.
- A college student who lives in a dormitory or in off-campus housing should be counted where he or she attends school, not at a household where a parent lives, which may be in another town and be the student's permanent address.
- Everyone who resides in the U.S. and U.S. territories should answer the census, not just citizens.
- The person who fills out the census form for a household unit should include everyone living in the household. Census data are reported by household not by family (e.g., if a family of four takes in a boarder, all five residents should appear on the census form delivered to that household).

Census 2000 and Missouri libraries

Census Day—April 1—is drawing near. Census 2000 is being called the largest peacetime effort in American history, and preparations are in full swing across the nation. Job testing to hire census workers is being conducted, and communities are promoting the census at the grassroots level to help people understand the personal and local benefits that come from participating in the census.

Census information is important to people in the library community for many reasons. It is the basis for determining the amount of federal funding our state receives under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). It demonstrates a library district's need for funding based on the number served and their level of poverty. Census data also helps identify areas where new library branches should be located and helps librarians develop accurate community profiles of their service areas. For all these reasons, librarians have a vested interest in promoting a complete and accurate count in their local communities.

Beginning on March 1, and continuing

through March 8, the U.S. Census Bureau will mail more than 115 million advance letters to households. The letters will alert the occupants that their census questionnaire will be arriving shortly. The advance letter will be the first of three mailings or hand deliveries from the Census Bureau that will be sent out in March. The census questionnaire will arrive next, followed by a reminder and thank-you card.

"Be Counted" sites—places where people can pick up a form if they did not receive one—and questionnaire assistance centers—places where people can go to receive assistance filling out the form—are being established by the Census Bureau. A toll-free number to call for telephone assistance will be printed on the census questionnaires.

As the lead agency for the Census Bureau's State Data Center Program in Missouri, the State Library is very involved in efforts to promote Census 2000. For additional information or to request promotional materials for Census 2000, call the Missouri State Census Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

The logo for the United States Census 2000, featuring the words "United States" in a small font above "Census" in a large, bold font, with "2000" below it, all enclosed within a circular border.

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